

Cape Mohican Trustee Council Meeting Minutes
24 June 1999

Present: Ed Ueber, John Tarpley, Paul Kelly, Dan Welsh, Kathy Verrue-Slater, Nick Franco, Tammy Angel, Terri Thomas, Marge Kolar, Roger Helm (visitor).

- Previous meeting minutes accepted with a couple of spelling changes.
- Status of payment to Trustees. Letter to Bruce Nessledge went out and he should be receiving funds by 7/4.
- Vote- Pay costs of advertisement for public workshop-Agreed by unanimous vote. (Cost approximately \$9-10K)
- Attorney General has incurred \$15K cost for working on settlement document which was not reimbursed because billing came after settlement. After discussion-decided it shouldn't come from Restoration Funds-Tabled final decision to next meeting.
- Public Workshop Comments*
 1. Comments as received by 6/8/99
 2. Received comments from 10 groups
 3. List of attendees distributed at meeting to Council Members
 4. Welsh will send the original public comments to the Council Chair to maintain Admin. Record
 5. Comments included 4 alternative project proposals
 - *Discussion of comments:
 - a. Welsh prepared table summarizing support or lack of support; no entry indicates neutral on project; noted that Barbara Salzman and Arthur Feinstein (representatives from two local Audubon Chapters) provided essentially the same comments,
 - b. BCDC noted trustees need to apply for permits; distributed letter from Port of San Francisco that basically addresses BCDC comments
 - c. Bill Sydeman's (from PRBO) comments focused on pointing out injury was to seabirds and seabird projects
 - e. P. Kelly noted there wasn't a lot of detailed presentation between what was injured in this spill and its nexus to the restoration projects
 - f. E. Ueber: only got comments from professionals, not "public comments"
 - g. Crissy Field Project -
 - a. Rewrote Crissy Field project Statement & distributed to deal with comments from environmental groups and changes to original plan
 - b. Found shell midden, needed to adjust project to maintain tidal prism
 - c. Changed how project will be developed and modified over time and how groups will have input to long term changes and project maintenance and public access.
 - d. NPS will hold the funds, not the National Park Association.
 6. Council agreed to the following:
 1. do not need to respond to these comments at this stage but will need to then prepare Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment
 2. to send out "form letter" thanking all commentors
 3. Add commentors to mailing list
 4. Letter will come out on joint Trustee letterhead and T. Angel will draft and sign as chairperson; KVSlater will help on draft and no other members will need to review.
- Discussion of the Four Alternative Project proposals: 3 wetland; 1 Herring Research project.
 - 1) Treasure Island (oiled shoreline)
 - The Council felt that this project would be better funded by City of San Francisco Mohican settlement. (\$400K trust fund)
 - City DA & CDFG have authority/responsibility to administer the San Francisco Bay Natural Resources Protection Trust fund (A large number of projects are being

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considered. J. Tarpley has submitted most of them. He suggested some collaborative co-funding efforts for some projects maybe possible between the two funds.)

- City DA & CDFG not in favor of doing part of a larger project, would prefer to do several smaller projects.

- Agreed to have J. Tarpley represent Trustee Council at City DA/CDFG meeting but attorneys expressed concern over confidentiality

2) Bolinas Lagoon (oil swept up that way and 1 oiled bird)

- An expensive project (approx. \$20M) being managed by Army Corps of Engineers. (ACOE)

- Trustee funds could be used to match; McKinley & KV Slater checking into possibility

- will require lots of fill removal

- E. Ueber on Executive Council for this project, so will not vote on Trustee Council decisions

- discussed possibility that there may be small parts of big project that could be supported

3) Hamilton AAB (located in bay and close to area of oiling)

- good potential but significant contaminant cleanup issue

- concern it's a long term project

- ACOE project - they are looking for local non-Federal matching funds

- overall amount needed very high, requesting only \$500K

- D. Welsh has copy of Hamilton Wetland Restoration Plan but document too large to distribute, if council member wants copy, contact him

4) Herring "Research" Project

- has a population management component

- high research component

- project may not be better than other herring projects in terms of herring restoration.

• Restoration Project Evaluation Criteria & Scoping

A. Unanimously approved to use to evaluate all projects

1. Discussion of process

a. Threshold - yes/no criteria and have to pass all 4 to be acceptable

b. Additional Criteria - 1 to 5 ranking, no weighting

c. Welsh discussed how process worked on Cantara Trustee Council and how individual criteria was weighted

d. Discussed possibility of adding new projects, especially with respect to seabirds - the Council decided that it would not accept any new projects unless a particular category does not have enough projects that are adequate/or scored high enough

e. CDFG - will examine Red Rock and try to get an appraisal cost estimate

B. Scoring system of Additional Criteria prepared by Welsh based on 1-5 system with symbols for "not enough information" will be distributed by 7/9/99.

C. Members will score projects with questions to Welsh by 8/13; He will prepare summary by 8/20/99.

D. Questions for specific projects to be answered by agency responsible for that project by 9/2 and meet that day to discuss new projects: (Bolinas - NOAA/Ueber; Hamilton-FWS/Welsh Treasure Island-FWS/Kolar; Herring Study-CDFG/Tarpley)

Scope of Work for Restoration Plan/EA

- NEPA/CEQA requirements will be handled on individual project bases with overall plan laying out general framework for meeting those requirements
- Will include scoping document with introduction which will become the background section of the Scope of Work
- Contractor will handle public meeting, notification and will assemble questions and comments
- Restoration Plan will also be an EA; i.e. Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment
- For specific projects may be asked to prepare cost estimates

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- Draft statement of work distributed by 7/6
- T. Angel will meet with Bob White to discuss investment strategy
- Next meeting 9/2 at CDFG of in Cordelia, 8:30 - 5:00

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